



Biography

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COLONEL STEPHEN L. BURGESS



Colonel Stephen L. Burgess is vice commander of the 43rd Airlift Wing located at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. He assists the wing commander of Air Mobility Command's only active duty, continental United States operational C-130 airlift wing to ensure combat forces are ready for worldwide deployment. His scope of authority extends over four groups encompassing 19 squadrons, 33 Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery (AWADS) C-130Es, and 4,000 personnel on 2,200 acres.

Colonel Burgess is a command navigator with nearly 3,000 flying hours in the E-3, T-43 and C-130 aircraft. He has extensive experience in operational and staff positions, to include assignments as a strategic policy planner with the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate of the Joint Staff. He has also served in joint billets as an instructor at the Joint Forces Staff College and as counterdrug desk officer at U.S. Southern Command. Colonel Burgess' command

positions include commander of the 317th Operations Support Squadron at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, and, prior to his current assignment, deputy commander of the 615th Air Mobility Group at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Colonel Burgess was commissioned as a second lieutenant in May 1981 as a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School.

EDUCATION:

- 1976 Bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism, North Texas State University, Texas
- 1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (Distinguished Graduate)
- 1989 Master's degree in education administration, Chapman College, Orange, Calif.
- 1993 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1994 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2002 Master's degree in strategic studies, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1981 – March 1982, student, undergraduate navigator training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. March 1982 – September 1985, instructor navigator, E-3, 966th Airborne Warning and Control Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.
3. October 1985 – October 1989, flight examiner, 323rd Flying Training Wing, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
4. November 1989 – July 1992, instructional program developer, executive officer, 3305th Operations Training Squadron, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
5. August 1992 – June 1993, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
6. July 1993 – June 1995, counterdrug desk officer, J-3, USSOUTHCOM, Quarry Heights, Panama

7. June 1995 – January 1999, assistant operations officer, 40th Airlift Squadron; operations officer, 7th Operations Support Squadron; commander, 317th Operations Support Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas
8. February 1999 – July 2001, instructor, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
9. July 2001 – June 2002, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
10. June 2002 – June 2004, strategic policy planner, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Va.
11. June 2004 – March 2005, deputy commander, 615th Air Mobility Operations Group, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
12. March 2005 – present, vice commander, 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Navigator
Flight Hours: Nearly 3,000
Aircraft E-3, T-43, C-130

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May XX, 1981
First Lieutenant	May XX, 1983
Captain	May XX, 1985
Major	May XX, 1993
Lieutenant Colonel	Jan XX, 1998
Colonel	May XX, 2003

(Current as of March 2005)